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AUTHORS TO SHARE HOW 100 YEARS OF AVIATION HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD

A lot has changed in the almost hundred years since the Wright Brothers made the first powered flight on December 17, 1903 near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Three noted aviation authors who have documented how flight has revolutionized our world will share their perspectives in a special appearance at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, in NASA Langley's H.J.E. Reid Conference Center. Their presentation, called "Crafting the Dream of Wings on the Wind: 100 years from Aviation to Spaceflight," is part of NASA Langley's year-long celebration of the Centennial of Flight.

Media Briefing: A media briefing will be held at 1:15 p.m. at the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd., at NASA Langley Research Center. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Kathy Barnstorff at (757) 864-9886 or 344-8511 (mobile) for credentials.

Dr. Tom Crouch, Dr. James Hansen and James Schultz have all studied aviation technology and its impact not only on society and the economy, but also on how we think and dream.

Crouch is senior curator at the National Air and Space Museum and chairs the First Flight Centennial Advisory Board. He has won a number of major writing awards, including a literary prize for "The Bishop's Boys: A Life of Wilbur and Orville Wright." Hansen is a professor of history at Auburn University. Among the books he has written is a six-volume set on the history of aerodynamics as well as "Engineer in Charge," an early history of NASA Langley. Schultz, former Virginian-Pilot science and technology reporter, is a full-time author who recently completed "Crafting Flight," a history of NASA Langley, as well as other books on technology.

For more information on NASA Langley's lecture series, please check the Internet at:

<http://shemesh.larc.nasa.gov/Lectures>

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